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REMARKS

Per the Examiner's recommendation, "means for" language has been added to each of the independent claims.. A minor amendments have been made claims 18 and 23 for consistency. New dependent claims 26-28 have been added providing more detail as to a preferred embodiment of the force sensor.

With these amendments it is respectfully submitted that all independent claims (1, 12, and 20) are allowable and that claims 1-10, 12-16, 18-28 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is authorized to charge deposit account 50 1170 any additional amounts due.

Very truly yours,

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